

# MASSACRE IN PARADISE

**SCENARIO ASL TAC 43** Translated by Coastal Fortress Gaming Group



**VICTORY CONDITIONS:** The Germans win if, at scenario end, they control 21 Stone Locations.

**LE PARADIS, South of MERVILLE, FRANCE, 27 May 1940:**

The Allied Command was building Operation Dynamo to allow the evacuation of encircled Franco-British troops at Dunkirk. To the extent possible, a defense perimeter was put in place. But the German pressure was strong. Among the assailants was the Totenkopf Division of the Waffen-SS. It was made up of members of the "Death's head groups", guard units from concentration camps. Its head, Theodor Eicke, was a former commander of the Dachau camp. The formation of this division aroused the hostility of the Wehrmacht, which refused to equip it. Himmler finally obtained Czech cannons and machineguns for the division. Engaged at the moment of the British counterattack at Arras, and then at Bthune, the Totenkopf was sorely tried due to the inexperience of its troops and leaders. On 27 May, the division isolated the soldiers of the 2nd Royal Norfolk Regiment to the south of the hamlet named Le Paradis.

**BOARD PLACEMENT:**

**BALANCE:**

- ⬛ Increase the number of turns to 6.5
- ⊙ Add 6 "?" to the British OB.

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⊙ <b>BRITISH sets up first</b>	1	2	3	4	5	6	END
⬛ <b>GERMAN moves first</b>							

**Elements of 2nd Royal Norfolks Regiment [ELR: 2]**  
 setup 3 hexes from T5 with 1 MMC per hex {SAN: 4}

 4 <sup>2</sup> 5-7	 8-1	 8-0	 2-7	 7 morale
9			2	6

**Elements of 2nd SS Regiment, Totenkopf Division [ELR: 2]**  
 setup on/south of hexrow I {SAN: 2}.

 4 <sup>2</sup> 6-8	 8-1	 8-0	 6+1	 5-12 4-10	 2-7	 50 * [2-13]
13		2		2	3	2

 81* [2-80]	 2-2-8
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## SSR:

1. EC are Moderate, with no wind at start. Hex AA7 has a second floor (only this hex, not the whole building). Building AA7 contains an Inherent Stairwell in each of its hexes. Kindling is NA.
2. The Germans are considered SS (A20.4) but the Broken Morale of SS Squads/HS is not increased nor is their Morale considered underlined. The Germans use Axis Minor MG without Captured Use penalty and with B12.
3. The German 81mm mortar has S9 (C8.2).

**AFTERMATH:** The British entrenched in a large farm. They underwent shelling and assault by the men of 2nd SS Regiment, who began taking heavy losses. The defenders resisted throughout an hour, then, encircled, exhausted and short of ammunition, they surrendered. One hundred prisoners were then lined up against a wall and shot down by the machineguns of 4th Company, commanded by Obersturmfuehrer Knoechlein. Any survivors were finished off. Only two Englishmen, seriously wounded, miraculously escaped and were taken in by villagers. They were then picked up and given medical aid by another German unit, before being sent into captivity. At the end of the war, the testimony of one of the two, Albert Pooley, was enough to condemn Knoechlein to death in 1945. During the trial, the soldiers who had participated in the massacre justified their actions by arguing that the losses suffered by their unit were due to the use of dum-dum bullets by the British. They rejected entirely any responsibility for the massacre on the part of Knoechlein. But with this massacre at Le Paradis, the Totenkopf wrote a new chapter in the sinister reputation of the Waffen-SS.